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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 21, 2003**

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This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four allegedly patentably distinct species of claims:

- a. an interferometric system;
- b. a bearing;
- c. a system for determining a condition of a bearing; and
- d. a system for semiconductor manufacturing.

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Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse species c (a system for determining a condition of a bearing), which includes at least claims 1-21, 24-27, and 37-43, for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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